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Re the Application of:

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For:

"CHIMERIC FIBROBLAST GROWTH

FACTOR PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID )
MOLECULES, AND USES THEREOF" )

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to an Office Action having a mailing date of December 31, 2002. This response is believed to be timely and therefore, no fees are enclosed. In the event that fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows.